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ERIE COUNTY TO BEGIN PROCESS OF MAILING REFUND CHECKS FOR PREVIOUS OVERPAYMENTS

City of Tonawanda taxpayers should receive checks in early August, other municipalities to follow

ERIE COUNTY, NY— Erie County has begun the process of mailing refund checks to local taxpayers impacted by a community college chargeback calculation error earlier this year that resulted in overpayments. Corrected real property tax statements will be issued starting with the City of Tonawanda. Property owners in other municipalities will receive notices and refund checks in the near future on a rolling basis, beginning with the Town of Grand Island.

The 2020 county tax bills contained an error in the amount of college chargebacks for which each municipality is responsible, meaning impacted taxpayers will soon receive a check for any property owner who is due a refund. On average, taxpayers who were overcharged can expect a refund of \$0.0679 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

County officials do note that any tax refund valued at \$5.00 or less will receive a credit on their 2021 county tax bill, given the small refunds associated with those properties.

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